

**TOWN OF UNION  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Minutes of Thursday, February 6, 2014**

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The Town of Union monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the Evansville Fire Station, 425 Water St., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schneider, Supervisors George Franklin and Kim Gruebling, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, Clerk Regina Ylvisaker, Building Inspector Bob Fahey, and Constable Eric Larsen. Plan Commission Chairman Alvin Francis was also in attendance.

**Clerk's minutes (January 2, 2014)**

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2014 Board meeting as written made by Gruebling/Franklin. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported the following balances as of January 31, 2014:

Local Gov't Investment Pool General Fund	\$	0.00
Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,474.53
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	1,037,157.02
UB&T Checking Account	\$	16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	2,874.79
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	20,851.52
Escrow Accounts:		
Teresa Lane:		
Bank of Monticello	\$	1,160.94
Michael Kipp	\$	386.97
Mastec, LLC	\$	207.01

**Constable's report**

Constable Eric Larsen reported receiving no calls last month.

**Building Inspector's report**

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported issuing the following permits during the month of January:

Date	Permit #	Name	Address	Description	Construction Cost
1/1/2014	14-1-B	Bill Norby/Naatz Construction	8036 N Cty Hwy M	Reconstruct porch & reside home	\$ 17,000.00
1/16/2014	14-2-B	Dave Stenbrotten	10334 N East Union Rd	Electrical service	\$ 1,500.00
1/26/2014	14-3-B	Clifford McGrath	18536 E Evansville/Brooklyn Rd	remodel entire home (renewal of previous permit from 2011)	\$ 25,000.00
1/27/2014	14-4-B	Mike Kipp	17626 W Teresa Ln	Remodel basement for rec room & bathroom	\$ 10,000.00
1/28/2014	14-5-B	Jin & Cindy Brzezinski	8547 N Hwy 14	Remodel part of home	\$ 10,000.00
1/9/2014		Bryan Kranig	13409 W Travis Trace	OCCUPANCY OF NEW HOME	

**Public Comment**

Gruebling reported receiving another complaint about the new fire numbers; following the discussion with the complainant he realized he would like to have a new one himself for increased visibility and peace of mind should something happen on his property requiring emergency response. Gruebling recommended

that the Board members also get new fire numbers as representatives of the Town. Schneider stated he too would like a new fire number installed.

Schneider reported receiving a compliment from a resident about the quality of the snowplowing; also received a call about a resident not receiving mail due to the mailbox not being cleared out close enough. The situation was remedied the following day.

Clerk Regina Ylvisaker reported a primary would be held on February 18 for the Oregon School District only; three candidates are running for one vacancy on the school board. The Town has approximately 30 electors in the Oregon School District.

Rock County Sheriff's Deputy Barr arrived at 8:00 p.m. to address any citizen concerns. He reported on the increase in heroin usage in the County. Recommended locking up prescription meds, this is the gateway to heroin and children and teens are gaining access at home.

Alvin Francis asked about the legal ramifications of helping someone get out of the snow if they are stuck, and inquired as to the Sheriff's position on the practice. Deputy Barr stated that the Sheriff's Department is often very busy and unable to assist such situations in a timely manner, but reminded people that if there is any damage done to the vehicle you would be liable.

Deputy Barr also reminded residents to be wary of internet and telephone scams, which have become more prevalent lately.

**Board Action: Approval of submission of changes to Town of Union Code of Ordinances Chapters 16 & 17 to DATCP for review and comment for Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance Certification**

The Board reviewed the proposed changes, and made the following additional changes and addressed questions regarding wording (highlighted language indicates statements which were in question as to meaning, missing words, etc. needing clarification from Board):

Chapter 16:

Page 2, 8 & 9 ok.

Page 22 question on wording:

(4) F. Where a land division abuts or contains an existing or proposed arterial highway, **the Town Board shall may require a frontage road, non-access reservation along the real of the property contiguous to such highway,** or such other treatment as may be necessary to insure safe, efficient, traffic flow and adequate protections of residential properties.

Page 24 question on wording:

Spot elevations shown at all lot corners, high points, **and at 100 10 (ten) foot maximum intervals,**

Chapter 17:

Page 4:

- A. To review and **recommend to the Town Board the approval, conditional approval, or denial of approve,** ~~conditionally approve, or deny~~ all Site Plan Reviews for the siting of residences on a lot.

Page 10:

- **Permit** A written building permit or certification **issued by the Plan Commission Building Inspector** permitting the construction, alteration and/or extension of a building under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Page 15:

**Two (2) community living arrangements may be adjacent if authorized by the Town Board Plan Commission**

Page 24:

- A. ~~Fur farms, kennels, insect breeding facilities,~~ commercial or wholesale greenhouses, holding pens, confinement operations and other agricultural uses that may cause noxious odors or noise provided that written permission be obtained from the Town Board on the recommendation of the Plan Commission.

Gruebling would also like the above change made in the A3 zoning district when the ordinance changes are made.

Gruebling thinks maximum building height on other structures should be defined. Schneider suggests 35' maximum for all structures, perhaps 50' for all other structures. Bob Fahey stated RR accessory buildings cannot be higher than the residence. Majority agreed to change to 35' limit for all structures.

Page 33:

- A. Certified survey maps and subdivision plats are to be reviewed and recommended for approval, denial, or conditional approval to the Town Board.

Page 68:

Petitions for any change to the district boundaries or amendments to the regulations shall be filed with the Building Inspector, describe the premises to be rezoned or the regulations to be amended, list the reasons justifying the petition, specify the proposed use ~~and have attached the following:~~

Unsure what to attach; Schneider recommended striking.

Motion to send Chapters 16 & 17 to DATCP for review and comment as requested by the Plan Commission made by Gruebling/Schneider.

Discussion: Franklin feels that involving the County in the Town's zoning creates problems and the Town doesn't need any more regulations. Gruebling clarified that residents will have the opportunity to get money from the State if they sign up for the farmland preservation program. The program is voluntary and not required. However, if the Town does not certify the ordinances, residents won't be able to sign up for the tax credits. Alvin Francis stated that the program has been carried over for now, but once the due date for the certification of the farmland preservation ordinance arrives residents will no longer be able to receive the tax credits unless the Town takes action to certify the ordinances.

Roll call vote: Kendall Schneider -Yes; George Franklin – No; Kim Gruebling – Yes. Motion carried 2-1.

Schneider clarified that once the documents come back from DATCP with comments, the Town would be required to have public hearings prior to making any official changes to the Ordinances.

### **Brooklyn Fire & EMS District Update**

Schneider reported that a special meeting was held at the Brooklyn Fire District. A Town had hired an attorney to see what the District could do to incorporate, as they didn't think the assembly of municipalities was legal. Want to add the word "Incorporated" to the name of the BFD. Schneider felt that such action should be taken by the Fire Board and not by member municipalities; the Board also did not authorize the hiring of an attorney. Incorporating the District would have many ramifications: titles on vehicles would need to be changed, signage on station, names on loans.

### **Recycling Center Update**

Jerry Krueger reported being slow but steady due to the snow every weekend.

New waste hauler, Advance Disposal, has bought out Sherman Sanitation and will be servicing the Center.

### **Road Work/Snowplowing**

Franklin reported snowplowing is going to be expensive this year. Injector went out in plow truck and it was repaired, but this has been the second time. Will be going back to Janesville to try to determine the cause of the repeat injector failure. Also had to replace the carbide blade on the plow. Crull has

purchased an Oshkosh and will assist when called to clear roads, but they have also offered their services to Porter Township and will go out on a first come first served basis. Josh Wiser has been doing a good job keeping the roads clear.

Wiser has installed a CB in the plow truck to improve communication with Footville's trucks as well as other trucks; cost was approximately \$125. Board agreed that Wiser should be reimbursed and a similar unit should be installed in the loader as well.

Wiser reported more steel posts are needed from Decker. He also questioned who would be making the decision when to post weight limit signs. Likely won't be any time soon, and Schneider and Franklin will discuss. Evansville Tire will work with the Town on junk tire disposal similar to what Landmark Coop was doing prior to closing.

### **Pay Bills**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn and pay bills was made by Schneider/Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Regina Ylvisaker.

*Note: minutes are considered draft until reviewed and approved by the Town Board at a properly noticed meeting.*